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This week, we lost our great friend and progressive hero Bill Rosendahl.

A man of great heart, passionate about justice, loving and strong, he was a beacon and advocate to so many communities. Bill always fought for what was right, for the little guy, no matter the obstacles and somehow, always, kept that signature grin on his face.

I hope you'll take a few moments to [read this personal tribute by Council Member Mike Bonin](#), who counted Bill as a mentor, and who worked for him for many years, calling him, most appropriately, the "Conscience of the City Council."

I loved him and know we will miss our Bill for a long time to come.



On Thursday, Mayors from over fifty cities across LA County came together to discuss

ways in which we might all work more collaboratively to address the homelessness crisis.

The County presented a number of options for securing the up to \$500 million dollars needed each year to truly tackle the issue, and we're hoping that we can count on these cities to help, so we can have a united front both in vision and funding over the critical coming months as we work toward a solution.

Read: [L.A. County asks cities to help pay for programs to combat homelessness](#)

Also on the homelessness front, last Sunday I sat down with Council Member Marqueece Harris-Dawson on ABC7's Newsmakers to discuss the County and LA City's comprehensive plans to provide permanent supportive housing for thousands of our homeless neighbors.

Watch: [City, County leaders tackle homeless crisis on Eyewitness Newsmakers](#)



This week the Chronicle of Social Change published a great, incisive article on the

underreported issue of foster parents struggling with the costs of childcare.

We're working with leadership in Sacramento to get some help for those we are trying to recruit to care for our many foster kids.

Read: [Childcare Critical for California Foster Parents](#)

Over the past decade, the number of those applying to be foster parents in LA County has diminished by almost half! Lack of childcare is reported as a big barrier.

I sat down with KPCC to talk about how we're working to help foster parents secure needed childcare.

Listen: [LA county proposes childcare vouchers to help struggling foster parents](#)



We took an important next step this week for the first-ever Center for Strategic Public-

Private Partnerships, focused on child welfare, by tapping child-advocacy leader Kate Anderson to lead the endeavor.

The Center was jointly established and will be jointly funded by LA County government and local philanthropic foundations. Kate was hired with input from the LA County Board of Supervisors, the Office of Child Protection and a group of philanthropic partners, led by Southern California Grantmakers

She will be tasked with strategically combining the two sectors' planning, resources and expertise to augment the ways in which the County works to improve child welfare.

Read: [Board Taps Kate Anderson For New Public-Private Partnership](#)



And finally, BIG news out of Sacramento! As you've probably heard, the State Assembly and Senate passed an increase to the minimum wage, very similar to what LA City and County did, putting it on a path towards \$15 an hour! Governor Brown is expected to make it official with a signing ceremony (appropriately, in LA) on Monday.

The importance of this increase statewide to working families and the enduring struggle for economic justice cannot be overstated. A big congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to make this a reality!

Until next time,



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